

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, March 31, 1746.

Since our last arrived a Holland Mail.

From the London Gazette, March 25.

Leghorn, March 4. N. S.

LETTERS from Genoa of the 27th past mention, that the Republick had received Letters from their Commissary General at Calvi with Advice, that the Citizens of Bastia had drove Count Rivarola out of the City, and obliged him to retire to a Capuchin Convent, at a small Distance from the Town, with about 500 Men: The Citizens had taken 37 of his Partisans, and patroled the City Night and Day, in the Name of the Republick. The Commissary General had sent 100 Men to their Assistance, and Skirmishes happened daily between the Partisans of the Republick and the Rivarola's. The City has nominated five of the principal Inhabitants as their Deputies, who are arrived at Genoa, to assure the Republick of their Fidelity, and to confirm their having drove Rivarola and his Adherents out of the Town. Letters of the 22d past from St. Remo, mention the Arrival and Departure thence for Oneglia and Lombardy, of the Regiment Bourbon Spanish Cavalry, consisting of 400 Men; the Regiment of Extremadura was expected there the same Day, and was to be followed by two other Regiments of Cavalry and a Corps of Infantry in their Way, to join M. de Gages in Lombardy. A Convoy of 22 Vessels with Troops passed by in Sight of that Port, bound from Villafranca to Genoa. The Republick having raised a new Battalion, and called it La Morte, it has been ordered to march to the Pieve, on the Confines of Savoy, to oppose the Barbets, in the Excursions they make into the Republick's Territories. The Republick will not be able to send above two or three Regiments into the Field; and it is said a Resolution has been taken to keep the Remainder of the Troops for the Defence of the State. Letters from Milan of the 26th past mention, that 60 Pieces of heavy Cannon and 18 Mortars, with a large Quantity of Ammunition, was arrived there, said to be designed for the Siege of the Citadel; but if M. de Gages should resolve thereon, it would be the Middle of this Month before he could open his Trenches, and the Citadel being well provided with a Garrison of 3000 Men, and every thing necessary, it is hoped may hold out until the Austrians are reinforced, and strong enough to oblige the Enemy to abandon the Attempt. Letters from Mantua of the 24th past, mention the Arrival there of Lieutenant General Count Brown, and that the first Column of Troops from the Empire are actually in the Mantuan State, so that it is expected the Campaign will be opened very shortly. The same Letters add, that notwithstanding the Enemy have got a large Train of Artil-

lery at Milan, it is doubted whether they will undertake the Siege of that Citadel. Just now is arrived his Britannick Majesty's Sloop Spence, in two Days from Mahone, where the late Vice Admiral Medley with 16 Sail of his Majesty's Ships in that Harbour, intending to sail in a few Days. Two Days ago arrived a Vessel from Corsica, the Master of which reports, that three Days ago three of his Britannick Majesty's Ships were cannonading the Castle on the Island of Capraia.

Venice, March 11. We have certain Advice from Milan, that the Spaniards have not only desisted from their long threatened Siege of the Castle, but are actually making Dispositions for the evacuating of that City, by retiring their Cannon and heavy Baggage: All the Troops in that Neighbourhood and City have Orders to hold themselves in Readiness to march, which they give out will be to Pizzighitona. General Brown has altered the Dispositions made by M. Pallavicini, instead of employing his chief Force on the Right of the Po, will march towards the Adda with the greatest Part of the Army, several Regiments having begun to defile into the Cremonese; upon which the Spaniards have recalled the Detachments that were at Lodi and Codogno.

Pizzighitona, March 12. N. S. This Evening a Courier arrived here from Prince Lichtenstein. with an Account of Asti's being taken, and that a Battalion of Roth's Regiment, with some Infantry and Hussars, had cut to pieces 400 of the Enemy near Mortare, and taken 200 Prisoners, amongst whom are one Colonel, one Lieutenant Colonel, and 10 Subaltern Officers; and that our Hussars had made Excursions into the Neighbourhood of Pavia.

Vienna, March 23. Two Couriers are arrived, the one from Prince Lichtenstein confirming the Surrender of Asti; the other from General Brown with Advice, according to farther Notices he had received from Prince Lichtenstein, of the raising of the Blockade of Alexandria, and of the Retreat of the French to Tortona, from whence they are extended down the Scrivia to Sale. General Brown adds, that the Spanish Artillery was sent from Milan towards Tortona; that the Spaniards, excepting six Battalions and two Regiments of Cavalry which were still in Milan, were retired towards Parma and Placentia; that he should begin his Operations as on the 26th instant, and that he did not doubt of his being able to join Prince Lichtenstein. It has been discovered that the Spaniards had been mining the Fortifications of the Citadel of Milan on the Side of the City. General Bernclau has passed the Adda with a considerable Detachment.

Berlin, March 26. Yesterday Morning the King of Prussia arrived here from Potsdam with all his Retinue.

Hague, April 1. Marshal Bathiani arrived here the Day before Yesterday; and the Austrian Troops from Bohe-



this will be all in Brabant within a few Days. Our Advices represent the French as lying still quiet in Prince Waldeck's Neighbourhood. That General has extended the Left of his Cantonment almost to Louvain, to facilitate the Junction of the Austrian Regiments, which arrive successively from that Side. The French have suffered the States to ransom their Sick that were left in Brussels, but continue silent upon the Article of the rest of that Garrison, which in the mean time, they transport to the remotest Parts of Prance. It is credibly informed by Letters from Zealand and Dutch Flanders, that the returned Transports, with the Irish Troops on Board, made a fresh Attempt last Saturday Night to stretch over to Scotland, but falling in with some of his Britannick Majesty's Ships of War, were chased and driven back the next Day into Ostend, but with what Loss or Damage is not known. M. Pallavicini, the Genoese Minister here, is upon the Point of repairing to Paris, but without taking his Leave of this Residence. The Province of Overysse has made Choice of Baron d'Huffle, a young Gentleman of that Province, for Perpetual President of its States, and its Principal Magistrate. We hear from Paris, that the Marshal Noailles was just sent by that Court to Madrid.

Portsmouth, March 22. His Majesty's Ship the Prince George is just arrived at Spithead: On the 2d she parted Company with the Folkestone and King's Fisher, who with the Oporto Trade, and Storeships and Victuallers for Gibraltar under their Convoy, stood in for Oporto. Next Day she parted Company with the York and her Convoy standing in for Lisbon, Cape Roxent bearing South, distant four Leagues.

Whitehall, March 24. This Day an Express arrived with the following Advices from his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland.

Aberdeen, March 19. His Royal Highness having received Intelligence on Sunday the 16th inst. that Roy Stuart was at Strathbogie, with about 1000 Foot, and 60 Hussars, sent Colonel Conway, with Orders to Major General Bland, to attempt to surprize them, and if he should not succeed in that, to attack them: And his Royal Highness ordered Brigadier Mordaunt, with four Battalions, and four Pieces of Cannon, to march by Break of Day on Monday Morning to Old Meldrum, in order to sustain Major General Bland, if there should be Occasion. On Monday the 17th, Major General Bland marched towards Strathbogie, and was almost within Sight of the Place, when the Rebels had the first Notice of his Approach: Upon which they abandoned the Town, and fled with the utmost Precipitation towards Keith. Our Van Guard pushed the Rear of the Rebels a good Way beyond the River Deveron; but as the Night was coming on, and the Evening was wet and hazy Major General Bland ordered the Troops to quit the Pursuit: Notwithstanding which, the Volunteers, viz. the Marquis Granby, Colonel Conway, Captain Halden, and several others continued to pursue the Rebels, at least two Miles; whose Pannick was so great, that it was concluded they would not halt long in a Place, till they had pass'd the Spey.

The Campbells, who had the Van, behaved extremely well, as did also the Duke of Kingston's Horse; and in

general, all the Troops. It is reported from among the Rebels, that Roy Stuart was killed by a Shot he received from one of the Duke of Kingston's Men.

There are no fresh Accounts from the West.

The Earl of Loudon remains at Darnick in the County of Sutherland, having been joined by 310 Men, in 4 Companies, from the Earl of Sutherland, besides Sergeants, Corporals and Drums.

An Account is received from the Earl of Crawford, that two or three small Parties, posted in different Places in the Neighbourhood of Athol, have been surprized by the Rebels, and the Men either killed or taken Prisoners.

Perth, March 19. The Prince of Hesse came to Dunkeld on Friday last, and returned thither on Saturday. There are Accounts, that a Party of Argyleshire Men, under the Command of Glenure, quartered at the Foot of Ranach, were attacked by a Party of the Rebels on Monday the 17th inst. at two o'Clock in the Morning, and either killed or taken Prisoners. Orders have been received at Pitlochry, six Miles below Blair, signed by some of the Rebels, to raise the Men in Athol; and the Rebels have placed Guards all the Way between Blair and that Place, which stops all Communication from Dunkeld to Blair. The Rebels have surprized two Parties of the Argyleshire Men, which were posted at Blairfettie and Kennochan, one 3 Miles, the other 6 Miles above Blair. The Party at Cushiville, three Miles from Castle Menzies, is said to have retired to the Garrison there. It is added, that Lord George Murray, with a Body of the Rebels, has actually attacked the Castle of Blair; and that there was another Body of them within three Miles of Castle Menzie.

Whitehall, March 25. The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint Archibald Hamilton, Esq; commonly called Lord Archibald Hamilton, to be Master of his Majesty's Royal Hospital at Greenwich, and also one of the Commissioners or Governors thereof.

The King has been pleased to present John Hay, Master of Arts, to the Rectory of Epworth in the County and Diocese of Lincoln.

From Wye's Letter, London, March 25.

Yesterday the Commons ordered in a Bill to obviate certain Difficulties in the Laws now in being, touching the Removal of poor Persons, and passing Overseers Accounts; also, that a Bill be brought in for ascertaining the Laws of Prizes. Ordered the Report of the Committee to consider of the infamous Practice of Smuggling, be taken into further Consideration next Tuesday 7 Night. Agreed to the Report of the Resolutions of Friday last on the Supply, for granting 200,000 l. for making good his Majesty's Engagements with the King of Sardinia; also 24,299 l. to the Elector of Cologne; also 8,620 to the Elector of Mentz.

To Day the Lords ordered the Bill more effectually to prevent profane Cursing and Swearing to be printed. Read a first Time the Bill to enable the Earl of Cholmondly and William Pitts Esq; to take the Oaths in England, to qualify themselves as Vice Treasurers of Ireland. The Commons ordered in a Bill for the better preserving Roads, Channels and navigable Rivers in England.

This Morning the Merchants of this City received the agreeable News of the safe Arrival at Oporto the 4th Instant of the Fleet of Merchant Ships who sailed from Chatham the 21st, all under Convoy of four Men of War.

'Tis assured from Dresden, That 15000 Saxon Troops under the Command of Count Rutowski, were to begin their March in a few Days for the Netherlands.

'Tis reported that the Prussians have taken Possession of the Territories of Elbing, upon which his Prussian Majesty has a Demand of 750,000 Rix Dollars.

They write from Versailles, That the Count Wasse-naer had held several Conferences with the Ministers of State, since which he had sent a Messenger to the Hague with the Result thereof; upon which the Departure of Count Saxe to Brabant was postponed till the Return of the Messenger, which causes much Speculation.

The Transports are all ready at Deptford, &c. to take on Board five Regiments of Foot bound to Scotland next Thursday.

This Morning the Lady Dalrymple was found murdered in her Bed at her House in Wigmore-street, Cavendish-Square.

From the St. James's Evening Post, March 25.

Mantua, Feb. 26 O. S. It's just now reported here, that the Infant Don Philip is retired from Milan, in order to pass the Po with the Bulk of his Army, and oppose the Designs of the King of Sardinia, who is to march towards Alexandria.

Turin, March 1. O. S. M. de Leutrum, after the taking of Asti, detached some Troops to reconnoitre the Redoubts of Alexandria, and finding that they were abandoned, he sent a Convoy of Provisions into the Citadel, the Garrison whereof had only enough to support it two Days. General Leutrum's Aid de Camp arrived here Yesterday with Advice, that the Enemy had abandoned the Town of Alexandria, and the Magazine there; had left 500 Sick at Alexandria, and 1200 more at Mount Calvo and in the Citadel of Casal, which must infallibly fall into our Hands. It's thought that Marshal Maillebois has posted himself under the Cannon of Tortona. The Garrison of Valencia is retired with all the Artillery.

Ratisbon, March 11. O. S. The Declaration which M. de la Noue, Minister from France, made to the Circle of Swabia the 24th of last Month, has been published here.

The Substance of it is, to demand of the Circle, a clear and speedy Declaration, to observe an exact Neutrality with France, and consequently not to grant a Passage through its Territories to the Enemies of his Most Christian Majesty, to attack or disturb the Frontiers of his Dominions, and to avoid entering into any Association, which might give him the least Umbrage.

Genoa, Feb. 27. O. S. About 1500 Piedmontese came the first Instant to attack Castel Franco, and threw a great Number of Bombs and red hot Balls into the Town. The Garrison made a gallant Defence for thirty six Hours, which gave an Opportunity for the Governor of St. Remo to come to their Assistance, who obliged the Enemy to retire with a considerable Loss. The Piedmontese had three Officers and some Soldiers taken Prisoners, and were pursued beyond Pigna. We have since learned,

that a Body of 800 Men is assembling in those Parts, in order to attack Pigna.

Antwerp, March 28. The Prince of Waldeck remains in his advantageous Post behind the Dyle and the Nethe. The 20,000 Men who are coming from Germany, are expected at the Army of that Prince the 5th or 6th of next Month.

L O N D O N, March 25.

We hear that four Regiments are ordered to march directly towards Coventry; and that the four following Regiments, viz. Skelton's, Richbell's, Handasyde's, and Mordaunt's, will speedily embark on board the Transports lately taken up by the Government, for the North.

Last Week Charles Hope Weir, Esq; Brother to the Earl of Hopeton, was married to Miss Vane, eldest Daughter of the Hon. Henry Vane Esq;

They write from Petersburg, that the Grand Duke is not yet intirely recovered from his late Indisposition, and that the Treaty of Commerce which has been so long negotiating by the Dutch Minister M. de Dieu, is at last intirely broke off.

They write from Turin, that 90,000 Livres have fallen into the Hands of the Vaudois, which the French Commandant at Asti had sent from thence, for Security, just before the Place was invested by the Piedmontese.

By the Motion of the French Troops in Brabant at the Time the last Letters came from thence, it was thought they intended immediately to invest St. Ghilain.

We learn from Madrid, that a Register Ship from the Havannah, was arrived at Port St. Andero in 47 Days, and at the Time of her Departure, Admiral Reggio with nine Men of War, was on the Point of sailing for Spain.

The last Letters from Italy say, that the Spaniards abandoned Milan on the 16th of April, N. S. in order to collect all their Forces in the Parmezan, and give the Austrians Battle.

From the London Evening Post, March 22.

It was Ad—'s Opinion, long before the Transports with Troops from Gibraltar were sent for Cape Breton, that the thing was impracticable at that time of the Year, and even unnecessary; because the same hard Weather that would prevent our Ships from getting into Louisbourg, would deter the Enemy from making any Attempt to recover that Place; that Troops habituated to the warm Climate of Gibraltar were the most unfit in the World for this Work, and that it would be better, early in the Spring, to send over a sufficient Force from England. By neglecting this Advice, our Winter Convoy has been driven into New-England, while the French have a large Fleet ready to sail from Brest, which, if it really be designed for Louisbourg, as they now tell us, may probably get there before a second Fleet of ours can arrive to oppose it: And who can tell what might then be the Consequence? especially if the former Armament should have so suffered as not to be in a Condition immediately to put to Sea again?

E D I N B U R G H, March 31.

Extract of a Letter from Aberdeen, March 26.

His Royal Highness the Duke, with the Remainder of the Forces, still continues here.—On the 24th at Night, 6 Transports, with Brigadier Blyth's Regiment on board, under Convoy of the Bridgewater Man of War, appeared

in the Road, and Yesterday all the Men were landed; the Man of War steered Northward early in the Morning upon a Cruise.—Yesterday Charles Maitland of Pittrichie, Advocate, who had been taken by the Rebels at Inverury, and six Officers of Lord Loudoun's Corps, made Prisoners in the Castle of Inverness, having made their Escape from the Rebels at Nairn, came all safe to this Place.—We frequently hear of Skirmishes about Strathbogie, but nothing with Certainty can be affirmed thereanent.—Transports from London, Newcastle, Leith, &c. with Provisions and Stores, arrive daily at this Port, which is a great Relief for this Place.

There is Advice, that a Party of the Rebels, under Lord Cromarty, in Boats brought from Findhorn, crossed the Ferry betwixt Tayne and Dornock, and landed about two Miles West of the latter Place, where 200 of Lord Loudoun's Men were posted, about 60 were taken, among whom are Major Mackenzie, Captain Sutherland of Forfe, and the Laird of Makintosh, the rest escaped. It is said Lord Loudoun together with the Lord President have retreated towards Strathnaver. A more particular Account is impatiently looked for.

The latest Advices from Aberdeen say, That his Royal Highness had not moved from that Place on Saturday last.—That General Bland, with a strong advanced Party was at Strathbogie, and that he kept a sharp Look out.—That the Body of the Rebels, consisting mostly of Lowlanders and French, about 3000, occupied the Banks of the Spey, and appeared frequently in Parties near Huntly Castle, which had obliged the General to keep the Troops under Arms for several Nights successively.

We hear from Perth, That the Hessians had not marched on Saturday last from Dunkeld, and that the Dragoons were still at Perth.

There are no Accounts anent Fort-William or the Castle of Blair.

Leith, March 30. Arrived the Unity of Kinghorn, Ritchy, from Ailmouth with Oats; the James & Peggy of and from Montrose, Moodie, with Snuff and Linnen Yarn; the Margaret of ditto, Betty, with Bear; the John & Janet of Kinghorn, Blyth, from Holyisland with Wheat; the Supply of and from Boston, Dickson, with Oats; the Faggot of Berwick, Barns, with Wheat and Bear; the Sally of and from Stockton, Whitby, with Oats and Cheese; the Katharine of Leith, Lawton, from London with Merchant Goods; the Betty of and from Anstruther, Davidson, with Barley; the Betty of Newcastle, Peacock, from Berwick with Limons and Cheese; the George & Margaret, Macqueen, from Stockton with Barley; the Greig, with Barley from Dundee; the Happy Return of Sunderland, Jackson, from Borowstounness with Flax and old Iron; the John & Elizabeth of and from Perth, Watson, with above 100 sick Hessians; and the Sophia of Anstruther, Short, from Crail with Barley.

Also arrived in the Road the Vulture Sloop of War from the Murray Frith.

☉ This Day, the 21st Day of the Moon, it is high Water at Leith, Forenoon, at 6 o'clock, 42 M. Afternoon, at 7, 6 M. Tuesday, Forenoon, at 7, 30 M. Afternoon, at 7, 54 M. Wednesday, Forenoon, at 8, 18 M. Afternoon, at 8, 42 M.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

†† That a General Court of the Corporation of the ROYAL INFIRMARY is to be held within the Laigh Council-house of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 2d of April 1745, at 3 Afternoon.

§§ That the JOHN and MARGARET of Leith, George Steel Master, one of the old Contract Ships, takes in Goods at Leith for London, and carries 18 Guns, and is to sail with or without Convoy against the 10th of April next, Wind and Weather serving. The said Ship is a prime Sailer, and has excellent Accommodation for Passengers. The Master to be spoke with at his own House in Leith, and at Edinburgh at the Laigh Coffee house, about 11 and 12 Forenoon.

Just arrived at the Port of Leith from Philadelphia directly,

A Cargo of FLAX-SEED of the Crop 1745, to be sold by NEIL MACVICAR Merchant in Edinburgh.—Samples of the Seed may be seen at his Shop in the Lawnmarket, and at the Weigh-house in Leith.

To be SOLD by Roup, at the House of Alloa, on Thursday the 2d of April next,

Several MILK-CONS of the best Kinds, a Two-year old BULL, several QUEYS, some last Years CALVES, and OXEN ready for killing; also some six Year-old WEDDERS, and WORK-HORSES, with BREWING and MILK-LOOMS, &c.—Also the same Day and Place will be SETT by Roup the GRASS INCLOSURES, called the Easter and Wester-Inches, with the Bastocks and Kilncrofts. For further Particulars enquire at John Thomson Writer in Edinburgh, to be got Notice of at the Laigh Coffee house there, or at Bailie John Esiskine at Alloa.

To be exposed to Sale by publick Roup, within the House of William Cairns Forrester at Pancaitland Wood, upon Tuesday the 15th Day of April next, at 10 o'Clock in the Forenoon,

A large Parcel of WOOD, consisting mostly of Oak, with some Ash, Birch, &c. being Part of Sir Robert Sinclair of Stevenston his Wood at Pancaitland, lying in the Parish of Pancaitland, in the County of Haddington.—Any Person that inclines to view the same, may call for the said William Cairns, in whose Hands, and in the Hands of Patrick Watson Servant to the said Sir Robert Sinclair at Stevenston, the Articles of Roup are to be seen.

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